Girl Hostels in Tamil Nadu

2561. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girl hostels constructed during the last three years in Tamilnadu, district-wise;

(b) the number of hostels under construction or proposed to be constructed, district-wise; and

(c) the details of funds released by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) The following 7 Hostels were sanctioned during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 199-91:—

Sl. No.	District	No. of Hostels	Working Women	No. of Day-care Centres	No. of Children
1	Coimbatore	2	336	2	60
2	Madras	2	115	1	40
3	Madurai	1	51	1	20
4	Salem	1	60	..	..
5	Thanjavur	1	39	1	25
		7	601	5	145

(b) 15 Working Womens Hostels, as per district-wise details given below are under construction in Tamil Nadu:—

Sl. No.	District	No. of Hostels	Working Women	No. of Day-care Centres	No. of Children
1	Coimbatore	3	318	2	50
2	Kanchepuram	1	21	..	..
3	Madras	3	184	1	40
4	Madurai	1	51	1	20
5	Pudukottai	1	39	1	25
6	Thanjavur	1	18	..	
7	Thiruneveli	1	20	..	
8	Trichurapally	1	100	1	25
	Salem	1	60	..	..
	Vellore	2	108	1	25
		15	919	7	185

A project proposal for construction of a Hostel at Nagarcoil in Kanyakumari is under consideration. Projects are sanctioned on the basis of the applications received from the eligible Organisations through the State Govt. concerned.

(c) Grants released during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 under the Scheme of Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day-care Centre to Voluntary Organistations in Tamil Nadu are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Amount Released
		Rs.
1.	1988-89	48,51,102
2.	1989-90	45,17,688
3.	1990-91	32,22,215

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Backward Regions

2562. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in backward areas of the country particularly where there is no such school;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by Government to provide equal opportunity to the students from backward regions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no system of opening Kendriya Vidyalayas on a district wise basis or with reference to the backward areas criteria. The opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas depends upon the suitability of the proposals from the prescribed user agencies, especially presence of a cluster of employees of the Central Government and/or Central Government undertakings, availability of physical facilities and financial resources. The objective of Kendriya Sangathan is primarly to serve the special educational needs of children of transferable employees of the Central Government and Central Government undertakings.

Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi

2563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the criticism against the management of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the reckless expenditure incurred and the favouritism shown, in the matter of appointments in the centre;

(c) if so, whether Government have enquired into these matters; and

(d) the action being taken to remove irregularities from the centre?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Some reports of criticism and observations against the management of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, New Delhi appeared in the Press. The Trust a registered non-government voluntary organisation, has denied the allegations of reckless expenditure and favouritism in the matters of appointments in the Centre.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

New Delhi session of Indian History Congress

2564. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: